

# CAN ANY OF THESE STANDARD FARMING PRACTICES BE CONSIDERED “HUMANE”?



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*Forcibly impregnating cows involves a person inserting his arm far into the cow's rectum in order to position the uterus, and then forcing an instrument into her vagina, to deliver the semen through her cervix into the uterus. Pushed too deeply, the instrument can, and often does, cause physical injury.*

*Many ewes are placed in restraining devices euphemistically called “cradles”, and subjected to vaginal or laparoscopic artificial insemination.*

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*Turkey hens are forced to endure the abuse of artificial insemination at least once a week, week after week, until their egg production declines and, considered “spent”, they are sent to slaughter.*

*A “breeding” sow is re-impregnated 3 to 8 weeks after giving birth, forcing her to endure at least two pregnancies, two birthings, and two painful separations from her young each year.*



All types and scales of animal farming, from factory farms to backyard operations, involve the horrific violations that come from the brutal exploitation of the animals' reproductive systems. Farming simply would not exist without ongoing breeding and birthing. Reliably inducing pregnancy in each “breeding” female requires the use of artificial insemination. In order to maintain uninterrupted **milk production**, all forms of dairy farming require that cows be made pregnant and give birth to a calf every year. Forcibly impregnating cows involves passing the inseminating catheter through the spiral folds of the cow's cervix into her uterus. The restraining apparatus used is commonly called a “rape rack.” “Dairy” cows are re-inseminated 2-3 months after giving birth, when they are still lactating for the baby they were never allowed to nurse. During their short, wretched lives, they are subjected to annual cycles of rape, pregnancy, birth, and bereavement before they are considered “spent”—unable to produce enough milk to be profitable—and are sent to a gruesome slaughter.

**Domesticated turkeys** have been genetically manipulated to grow so large and misshapen that they must be artificially inseminated to reproduce. This procedure involves grabbing the terrified turkey hen, holding her upside down, and inserting a hypodermic syringe in her vagina to deliver the forcibly collected sperm into the oviduct. She will be subjected to this abuse at least once a week, week after week, until she'll be considered “spent” and she'll be loaded up to be killed.

**Female pigs** used for breeding are re-impregnated 3 to 8 weeks after their babies are taken away to be fattened for slaughter. After being forced to endure 3 or 4 years of forced pregnancies followed by traumatic separations from their families, the mothers too are sent to the same brutal death as their children. Female goats and sheep used for breeding endure the same cycle of forced pregnancy, birthing and separation before being themselves slaughtered at a fraction of their natural lifespan.



## THE SERIAL RAPE EUPHEMISTICALLY KNOWN AS “ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION”

